

Sex Education/Reproductive Health Education Survey

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Purpose:

This survey was developed to assess the current status of sex education/reproductive health and HIV/AIDS instruction in Michigan public schools. Every public intermediate and local school district has been asked to complete **one** survey. Your district's participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged. High response rates will result in more representative data for the entire state. Data results will provide critical information to help the Department and other key stakeholder organizations assess policy and program implementation, resource allocation, and technical assistance needs throughout the state. The survey will also identify the ways in which schools are adapting their programs to align with the new sex education laws (Public Acts 165 and 166 of 2004), which took effect on June 24, 2004.

The survey will also provide essential baseline data to evaluate implementation of the new sex education laws.

Directions:

- Only ONE survey should be completed by each local education agency (LEA), public school academy (PSA), or separately-governed intermediate school district center program (ISD).
- Please forward the survey to the person most familiar with your district's sex education/ reproductive health program. This may be the district's Sex Education Supervisor, as defined in Section 1507 of the Revised School Code.
- The survey can be **completed on the computer** in Microsoft Word **OR** it can be **printed** and **completed with pen or pencil**.
- Results will always be reported in aggregate and will not be associated with specific school districts. (District names and ID numbers are only asked in order to facilitate follow-up with non-responding districts.)
- Please include your district name and five-digit district code in the header of every page.
- Note the specific instructions included throughout the body of the survey.

Email or mail completed surveys no later than December 3, 2004 to:

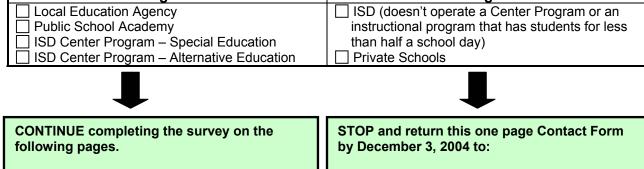


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Survey Contact Form

Contact Information	
Please provide contact information for the primary prevent that we have questions or need clarification.	erson completing this form and/or survey in the
District Name:	District Code (5 digit):
Program Name (only for ISD-operated Center Program	grams):
Name:	Position:
Phone:	Email:
Type of Educational Institution	
This survey should be completed by all public local at instructional programs that directly serve students by your type of educational institution by checking the appropriate the students of the students.	for at least half of the school day. Please identify
Note: One contact form and one survey should be contact school academy (PSA), or separately-governed	
Eligible	Ineligible
☐ Local Education Agency ☐ Public School Academy ☐ ISD Center Program – Special Education	☐ ISD (doesn't operate a Center Program or an instructional program that has students for less than half a school day)



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District Sex Education/Reproductive Health Program

Questions #1 - #24 focus on the optional sex education/reproductive health program that Michigan schools can choose to offer (sections 1506, 1507, 1507a, 1507b of the Revised School Code, 1976 PA 451).

1. Does your district currently have a **board approved sex education/reproductive health program** at the following levels¹ or within an ISD Center Program?

LEA/PSA		ISD		
Upper Elementary Middle School/Junior High	☐ no ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ yes	Center Program	☐ no ☐ yes	
High School	□ no □ yes			
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LEA/PSA: If you answered NO for all three building levels, SKIP TO QUESTION #25.	If you answe response, (ALL: red YES for any CONTINUE TO TION #2.	ISD: If you answered NO, SKIP TO QUESTION #25.	
required course? (Check a. MS/JH ☐ not off		for each building leve ve course ☐ require	fered within an elective or a <i>l.</i>) d course d course	
3. Which of the following be can participate in sex ed			es whether or not a student	
Opt In: parent/guardia	an must sign a form t	for the child to particip	ate	
Opt Out: unless the p	arent/guardian objec	cts in writing, the child	participates	
	een sex education ar	nd other health-related	ation? A definition helps the d topics that don't require local	

¹ For this survey, building levels are defined as follows: **upper elementary (U EL)** includes grades 3 - 5/6; **middle school/junior high (MS/JH)** includes grades 5/6 - 8; and **high school (HS)** includes grades 9 - 12.

5.	Does your district provide written notification to parents/g education/reproductive health lesson(s) with enough detail t			
	☐ no ☐ yes			
6.	Does your district give parents/guardians the opportunity to	o do each of t	he following?	
	a. Review materials prior to instruction		no 🗌 yes	
	b. Observe instruction		no 🗌 yes	
	c. Excuse their child from sex education class(es) without	penalty 🗌	no 🗌 yes	
Cou	rses and Instructors			
7.	Within which course is the sex education/reproductive hea one response for each level.)	ılth unit typica	lly taught? <i>(Che</i>	eck only
		MS/JH	HS	
	No sex education/reproductive health taught at this level			
	Combined Health and Physical Education			
	Health Education			
	Physical Education			
	Family Living/Home Economics			
	Science			
	English Language Arts			
	Social Studies			
	Other:			
8.	How many days of inservice training are teachers in your teaching sex education/reproductive health? (Check only of			ior to
		U EL	MS/HS	
	Teachers in our district are not expected to receive any additional training			
	Less than one day			
	One day			
	Two days			
	Three days/"20 clock hours"			
	Other:			

9.	Who is the primary person who teaches the board approved lesson(s)? (Check only one response for each building level.)	sex educa	ation/reprodu	ctive health
		U EL	MS/JH	HS
	No one. Our district does not offer sex education/reproductive health at this building level.			
	Classroom teacher			
	School nurse			
	Circuit teacher or specialist employed by the district			
	Outside agency/speaker			
	Other:			
The S	Sex Education Advisory Board/Committee			
For C	questions #10 - #16, respond for the period of time PRIOR TO	JUNE 20	04 when the	new sex
	ation laws (P.A. 165 and 166 of 2004) were signed into law.	00.112.20		mon cox
10.	Does your district have a sex education advisory board/con 1507 of the Revised School Code, the advisory board is respondent methods used in sex education/reproductive health and methods used in sex education	nsible for reaking recouse.)	eviewing the mmendations	materials s to the
\rightarrow	If you answered "No" to question #10, SKIP TO QUESTION	ON #17.		
11.	Please indicate the role(s) of the person who most recently led advisory board/committee. (Check all that apply.)	d or chaire	d the sex ec	lucation
	☐ Administrator ☐ Parent of enrolled student			
	☐ Teacher ☐ Employee of the district			
	☐ Nurse ☐ Other:			
	☐ Physician			
12.	Estimate the number of members for each group on your disboard/committee.	strict's sex	education ad	visory
	a. Total number of advisory board/committee members:			
	b. Total number of parents of students currently enrolled in the	e district:		
	c. Total number of educators employed by the school district:			

Parent of elementary student Curriculum director, other district administrator Parent of middle school student Building administrator Parent of high school student School board member District employee who is also a parent of enrolled student School counselor, social worker, psychologist Parent of student not currently enrolled School nurse (e.g., recently graduated) Grandparent (non-guardian) Community health professional Student Ciergy person Business representative Middle/junior high teacher Other: Other: Other: 14. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statem about the functioning of your district's sex education advisory board/committee. 2	13.	Which of the following constituencies were rep board/committee? (Check all that apply.)	rese	nted on your	district's	sex edu	cation ad	visory		
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Student				School nurse	Э					
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Middle/junior high teacher		☐ Student	☐ Clergy person							
High school teacher		☐ Elementary teacher		Business rep	oresenta	ıtive				
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a. The committee meets at least twice a year. b. Meetings are typically attended by 50 percent or more of committee members. c. Parents with a broad variety of viewpoints are represented on the committee. d. The committee members' viewpoints are representative of those in the greater school community. e. The student voice on the committee is strong. f. The parent voice on the committee is strong. g. Divergent viewpoints are respected. h. Responsibilities are distributed among members. i. The group works collaboratively to make shared decisions. 15. How is committee progress shared with the district, board, and broader school communit (Check all that apply.) Information is shared upon request. Reports are periodically submitted to the district administration. Reports are periodically submitted to the Board. Information is periodically shared in district-wide communications (e.g., newsletter)	14.	, , ,		advisory boa	ard/com	mittee.	Strongly	ents Don't Know		
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		☐ Reports are periodically submitted to the Boa	ard.							
Other:		☐ Information is periodically shared in district-w	/ide d	communicatio	ns (e.g.	, newslet	ter)			
		Other:								

16.	Has the advisory board/committee conducted the following program evaluation tasks?						
	 a. Established program goals and objectives for student knowledge and skills that are likely to reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases b. Evaluated and measured goals and objectives at least once every two						
	 b. Evaluated and measu years 	red goals ar	nd objectives	at least ond	ce every two	☐ no ☐ yes	
	c. Reported attainment of two years	of program g	oals and obje	ectives at le	ast once every	☐ no ☐ yes	
Curi	riculum Content						
	questions #17 through #23 sex education laws (P.A.					004 when the	
17.	When was the last time su education/reproductive he						
	School Year	U EL	MS/JH	HS	sponse for each bi	ulluling level.)	
	2003-2004						
	2002-2003						
	2001-2002						
	2000-2001 or before						
18.	How would you characterized ucation/reproductive he	ze the abstir alth curricul	nence focus o um?	of your distr	ct's middle/junior	high school sex	
	☐ Abstinence-Only: Studenot taught about condessorted for HIV/STDs and preg	loms and otl					
	☐ Abstinence-Based: Stonialso taught about confor HIV/STDs and preg	doms and o					
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20.	In the past five years, has think should be taught at s					at topics parents	
	no yes school ye	ear:					

21. For each of the following **components**, indicate **whether or not it is covered in your district** and at which building levels. *(Check all that apply for each component.)*

Coi	mponent	Not Covered	Covered U EL	Covered MS/JH	Covered HS
	Discuss the benefits of abstaining from sex until marriage and the benefits of ceasing sex if a pupil is sexually active.				
	Include a discussion of the possible emotional, economic, and legal consequences of sex.				
	Stress that unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are serious possibilities of sex that are not fully preventable except by abstinence.				
	Advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their responsibility as parents to children born in and out of wedlock.				
	Ensure that pupils are not taught in a way that condones the violation of the laws of this state pertaining to sexual activity, including, but not limited to those pertaining to sodomy, indecent exposure, gross indecency, and criminal sexual conduct in the first, second, third, and fourth degrees (sections 158, 335a, 338, 338a, 338b, and 520b to 520e of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328).				
	Feach pupils how to say "no" to sexual advances and that it is wrong to take advantage of, harass, or exploit another person sexually.				
	Teach refusal skills and encourage pupils to resist pressure to engage in risky behavior.				
	Teach that the pupil has the power to control personal behavior. Pupils shall be taught to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations such as respect for self and others.				
	Provide instruction on healthy dating relationships and on how to set limits and recognize a dangerous environment.				
	Provide information for pupils about how young parents can learn more about adoption services and about the provisions of the safe delivery of newborns law, chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712.1 to 712.20.				
;	Include information clearly informing pupils that having sex or sexual contact with an individual under the age of 16 is a crime punishable by imprisonment and that one of the other results of being convicted of this crime is to be listed on the sex offender registry on the Internet for up to 25 years.				

22. For each of the following **topics** that could be included in a sex education/reproductive health program, indicate **whether or not it is taught in your district** and at which building levels. (Check all that apply for each topic.)

Topic	Not Taught	Taught U EL	Taught MS/JH	Taught HS
a. Reproductive Anatomy: Describes the reproductive parts of the male and female bodies and how they work.				
b. Physical and Social Changes Associated With Puberty and Adolescence: Teaches boys and girls about the physical, emotional, and social changes of puberty and adolescence.				
c. Positive Communication With Family: Develops expressing feelings, listening, empathy, problem-solving, limit-setting skills, and recognizing parents as a resource.				
d. Positive Friendships: <i>Identifies characteristics of positive friends; initiating, maintaining, and ending friendships.</i>				
e. Healthy Intimate Relationships: Recognizes healthy and unhealthy relationships, differentiating between emotional and sexual intimacy, positive characteristics of boyfriend/girlfriend.				
f. Sexual Decision Making: Includes developing skills such as communication, assertiveness, refusal, and negotiation skills for sexual decision making.				
g. Pregnancy and Childbirth: Explains how pregnancy occurs, the importance of prenatal care, and the birth of babies.				
h. Parenting Responsibilities: Explores physical, emotional, social, and economic responsibilities of parenting and impact on future goals.				
 Abstinence: Discusses reasons for not having sexual intercourse and develops skills (e.g., communication and refusal) for being abstinent. 				
j. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (including HIV/AIDS): Includes information about the transmission, symptoms, treatment, and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, herpes, and syphilis.				
k. Risk Reduction: Provides information about condoms as a means to reduce risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.				
Contraception: Provides information about birth control methods such as abstinence, condoms, birth control pills, and Depo-Provera and their roles in preventing pregnancy.				
m. Sexual Orientation/Identity: Teaches that some students self-identify or are perceived to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual and that all students deserve to be treated with respect (i.e., no name-calling, taunting, bullying).				

Topic			Not Taught	Taught U EL	Taught MS/JH	Taug HS
info	tual Abuse, Rape, and Sexual Assault: Provermation about forced sexual activity and ways a laws, and where to go for help.					
o. Oth	er:					
p. Oth	er:					
23.	What is the approximate length of the board unit? See the previous two questions for sor unit. (Check only one response for each build	ne of the topic ding level.)	es that migh	nt be addre		
		U EL	MS/JH	HS		
	No board approved lesson(s) at this level					
	1 lesson					
	2 - 5 lessons					
	6 - 9 lessons					
	10 -13 lessons					
	14 or more lessons					
	ons #24 - #26 focus on the HIV, AIDS, and o an schools are required to implement. (sec					
24.	Are the HIV/AIDS lesson(s) and sex educati or separately ? (Check one response for each			lesson(s) t	aught tog	ether
				U EL	MS/JH	HS
	Sex education/reproductive health is not taug	ht at this leve	l.			
	They are taught together within the same cou	ırse or unit.				
	They are taught separately within different co	urses or units				
25.	What is the source of your district's core HIV building level.)	V/AIDS curric	culum? (Cf	neck one re	esponse for	each
	Source			U EL	MS/JH	HS
	State of Michigan-developed					
	Commercially-developed					
	Textbook					
	Locally-developed					
	Other:					

26.	Within which course is (are) the HIV/ for each level.)	AIDS lesson(s) typi	ically tauç	ght? (Chec	k only one re	esponse
		MS/JH	HS			
	Combined Health and Physical Educa	_				
	Health Education					
	Physical Education					
	Family Living/Home Economics		\Box			
	Science					
	English Language Arts					
	Social Studies					
	Other:					
Resou	urce Documents and Web Sites					
27.	Prior to completing this survey, had yo	ou seen or used the	e followin	g documen	ts or web site	es?
				Not seen and not used	Seen but not used	Seen and Used
	a. HIV and Sex Education Curriculum I	Evaluation Tool		useu		
	b. Sample Parent/Community Sex Edu		ages)			
	c. HIV/STD and Sexuality Education W Michigan University		ageo,			
	d. <u>HIV/STD and Sexuality Education W</u> Department of Education	<u>√eb Page</u> at Michig	an			
	e. Chart summarizing Michigan laws re education in Michigan Schools	elated to HIV and se	ex			
	f. State Board of Education Policy (20	03) on sex education	on			
	you for completing this survey. The infe education/reproductive health programs			aluable in a	ssessing the	status
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